

Town of Shrewsbury - Board of Selectmen
Richard D. Carney Municipal Office Building-Selectmen's Meeting Room
100 Maple Avenue
Monday, February 9, 2004, 7:00 PM

Minutes

Present:

Bruce Card, Thomas Fiore, Philip Hammond, John Lebeaux, Maurice DePalo, and Daniel Morgado, Town Manager. Mr. Fiore called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Preliminaries:

1. Approve bills, payrolls and warrants #0461 in the amount of \$1,422,885.04 and #0462 in the amount of \$1,786,538.69, #0463 in the amount of \$278,671.65 and #0464 1,593,851.71.
2. Approve Minutes of January 26, 2004. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve.
3. Announcements – Mr. Lebeaux mentioned the passing of Ernest Tosi and his many accomplishments such as Secretary to the Board of Selectmen, former teacher, WW2 Veteran and Town Clerk. Mr. Hammond suggested we look into a carry in/carry out trash park policy to help with expenses of park maintenance.
4. Town Manager's Report – Nothing to add.

Hearings:

5. 2 Techs Automotive, 160 Boston Tpke. – Commercial Garage License. Mr. Durran and Mr. Langley were both present. Mr. Fiore abstained from the discussion due to a possible conflict. Mr. DePalo chaired the discussion. Both applicants have numerous years of experience at Midas in Shrewsbury. They are branching out on their own. They will be renting two bays from Rayco electronics. They will have no employees and will have no outside overnight storage of vehicles. Hours of operation will be Mon-Fri 8am-5pm and Sat 9am-12n. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve this garage license as presented to the Board. A copy of the concerns of Commission on Disabilities will also be given to the applicants.
6. Nolli Auto, 356 Boston Tpke. – Class II license. Mr. Fiore abstained from the discussion due to a possible conflict. Attorney Richard Ricker represented Roger Nolli at this hearing. Mr. Nolli proposes to operate this business by appointment only. There will be no advertising signage, no employees, no outside work or auto repair done at this location. Reference is made to plan dated 2/5/04 by Attorney Ricker. Motion was made, seconded, and voted 4 in favor with Mr. Fiore abstaining to approve this Class II license contingent on ZBA approval with the following restrictions. No outside work/or auto repair. Paving is to be completed by 5/30/04. Hours of operation will be Sunday – Saturday 8am-8pm.
7. Public Hearing for discussion on Appointment of Town Clerk. Notices were mailed to all Town Meeting Members on January 26, 2004 to hear citizen's comments on a proposal to change the method of the selection of the Town Clerk from election to appointment by the Board of Selectmen. If approved in May by Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen would be in charge of appointing the Town Clerk. Mrs. Ann Dagle current Town Clerk elected term ends in May 2006 and most likely if she was interested would be able to continue in that appointment. Selectmen and Town Meeting members alike praised Mrs. Dagle for her professionalism and dedication to the position. Mrs. Dagle was also in favor of the change,

expressing that it was possible that someone could be elected who had no knowledge of the statutory duties the clerk has. Numerous Town Meeting Members expressed their concerns both in favor of the change and leaving as is, trusting that the town's people would continue to elect capable people.

8. Public Hearing for discussion on disposition of 52 Holden Street. Notices were mailed to all Town Meeting Members on January 26, 2004 to hear citizen's comments on what should be done with the house at 52 Holden Street. Opinions were mixed as to sell the house on the open market for the most money and whether or not to sell it as affordable housing done by lottery for residents of Shrewsbury only. The housing authority would conduct the lottery. Another option was to allow the housing authority to purchase the house at a reduced rate and rent it to low income families.

Old Business:

9. Request from William Yeomans to place warrant article to change zoning by-law. Board reviewed his request and informed Mr. Yeoman that they were not interested in placing this as a warrant article but if he wanted to he would need to obtain the proper signatures and meet the appropriate deadlines.

New Business:

10. Board to sign Presidential Primary Ballot. Motion made, seconded and unanimously voted to approve signing this ballot.

Executive Session:

11. Value of real property and pending litigation. No discussion.

Communications:

12. Noted Copy mailed: Request for a dead end street sign from Hamid Haji, 48 Rawson Hill. Mr. Morgado indicated John Knipe was in the process of installing this sign.
13. Noted Copy mailed: Request from Grandes Market, 59 South Quinsigamond Avenue to open Sundays, 12n-6pm. This will be voted on under old business the next meeting 2/23/04.
14. Noted Copy mailed: Memo from Ann Dagle, Town Clerk regarding Annual Town Election.
15. Noted Copy mailed: Memo from Town Manager regarding Town website link assessment data. The board will need more time to review. They will discuss under old business the next meeting of 2/23/04.
16. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Town Manager to Senate Post Audit and Oversight Committee regarding homeland security.
17. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Executive Office of Administration and Finance regarding Commonwealth's search for lease space.
18. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from DEP Re: Water Management Permit Application 9P-2-12-271.01.
19. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from WRTA Re: System wide redesign study.
20. Noted Copy mailed: Memo from Central MA Regional Planning Re: Costs and expenses for the district for July 1, 2004-June 30, 2005.
21. Noted Copy mailed: Letter from Melanie Magee Re: Town Clerk's Appointment discussion.

Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 10:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Brady

